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Dear Sir:

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1. Dictionary.com/characterize;
<http://dictionary.reference.com/search?q=characterize>; 3pp (10/15/2003).
2. Tutorial Chemistry Texts-Reactions and Characterization of Solids;
<http://www.rsc.org/tct/solidshome.htm>; 1pg (10/15/2003).
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4. Webster's Encyclopedic Unabridged Dictionary of the English Language, p. 650, Gramercy Books (1989).

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Respectfully submitted,

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